

RUSHVILLE VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
January 13, 2014

TIME: 7:02 PM

PLACE: Rushville Village Hall

PRESENT: Mayor Jon Bagley

Trustees: David Field, Chuck Elwell, John Sawers and Timothy Jabaut.

ABSENT: None

ATTENDANCE: Art Rilands, Dodie Baker, Janet Landcastle, Jamie Landcastle
Chandra Gilman, James Rice, Reggie O'Hearn, Todd Conaway and Jonette Keneston.

RE: Calling the Meeting to Order

Mayor Jon Bagley called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:02pm.

RE: Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the December 9, 2013 Board meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Chuck Elwell to approve the minutes as printed. Trustee John Sawers seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

RE: Public Work's Supervisor: Art Rilands

A copy of this report is on file with these minutes.

Everything at the water plant has been going ok. There have been some problems with chlorine plugging some lines at the water plant and Art Rilands has been working with the engineer on solutions to fix the problem.

Bassett Street is in poor condition because of the cold weather and plowing. Art Rilands will fill more potholes this week and is planning on fixing Bassett Street this summer.

Art Rilands discussed replacing some curb stops on Gilbert Street before the new sidewalks go in. There are approximately seven or eight curb stops that are cracked and/or cracking and it could cause more problems in the future if they are not addressed.

Chandra Gilman thanked Art, Andrew and Mike on the great job they have done with snow removal so far this year. Chandra Gilman asked if there was a certain kind of salt that could be used to melt ice off the sidewalks that won't ruin them. Art doesn't think there is really any salt that's better than the other, however salt is better to use than calcium.

RE: Fire Department: Todd Conaway

Todd Conaway reported that everything at the Fire Department has been going well. All of the air packs were tested and a few need to be repaired. The new pickup truck now has lights installed; the cap has been ordered and he is waiting for it to arrive. Come spring time, Todd plans on ordering the water tank needed to help with brush fires for the pickup truck.

RE: Reading Center Director: Dodie Baker

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Dodie Baker discussed World Book Night to promote literacy. This is the 3rd year the program has been conducted in the United States. Dodie Baker explained that if you want to be a book giver you just go online at www.us.worldbooknight.org/how-do-i-get-involved and sign up. She said the Reading Center is a pick-up point for those who sign up to be a giver. The givers come and pick up 25 paperback books to hand out. April 21st is the day when everyone in the United States, that is participating, hands out the 25 books to encourage others to read. Last year Dodie Baker said she had one person sign up and so far this year she has three to four people. Dodie Baker says it is a great program for people to get involved in.

RE: Code Enforcement Officer: Reggie O'Hearn

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Reggie O'Hearn reported that the Planning Board is going through two reviews for permitted principal uses, one for a dog grooming business and the other for climate controlled storage in the C-1 district.

Reggie O'Hearn is still having issues with 9 Chapel Street violations. Reggie O'Hearn explained that the homeowner is not the cause of the violations but the occupants, who are the owners' daughter and son-in-law. The homeowner is currently in a nursing home recovering from surgery. The occupants have been sent a notice instructing them to clean up the back yard and Reggie O'Hearn will be checking in to make sure the back yard has been cleaned.

NEW: Historian: Jim Rice

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Jim Rice reported everything is going great with the Historians. Marilyn Wilson has donated a five drawer filing cabinet, a four drawer filing cabinet and three boxes of files to the Village of Rushville's History Room. The files contained genealogical research from Rushville, Gorham and Potter. Marilyn Wilson had to move to an assisted care facility and didn't want the materials to get lost. Jim Rice also reported that he has sent a copy of the Village Historian Annual Report to both Ontario and Yates Counties and to the state historian, Robert Weible. Mr. Weible who could not believe everything the historians have done in Rushville.

NEW: 2014 Village Elections: Polling place and Poll Hours

The Village Elections for 2014 will be held Tuesday, March 18, 2014 from 12:00 Noon – 9:00 PM at the Rushville Village Hall, 1 South Main Street, Rushville, New York. A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut to approve of the polling place and hours. Trustee David Field seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

NEW: Election Inspectors

The following people have been appointed as Election Inspectors for the 2014 Village Election; Jean Rice, Virginia Gardner, Donna Devires and Patricia Owens. A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers to approve the Election Inspectors. Trustee Chuck Elwell seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

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RE: Safe Routes to School Sidewalks Project

Safe Routes to School Sidewalks Project is progressing well. Bid packages could be ready to go out as soon as mid-February. The Village has received all of the grading release forms signed by the residents on the south side of Gilbert Street. The grading release forms are utilized to ensure the yards are transitioned evenly to the new sidewalks. The sidewalks along the Gilbert Street will be made of cement and the pathway on the school grounds will be made of asphalt. Art explained there is a need to trim the width of the asphalt sidewalk from 10 feet to 8 feet and keeping it under an acre in area. This will prevent the need to develop a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and save tremendously on engineering costs.

RE: Bay Water Easement

Attorney Kenyon is still working to file the petition for a judge's interpretation of the easement.

RE: Sewer Beds

Village Clerk-Treasurer Jennifer Gruschow announced that the Village was approved for the sewer planning study grant. Jennifer Gruschow asked the Board Members if they would authorize Mayor Jon Bagley to execute the grant documents with the Environmental Facilities Corporation. A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers to authorize Mayor Jon Bagley sign the grant documents. Trustee David Field seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

NEW: Community Center

Janet Landcastle asked about the status of the Community Center and would like to make sure the community has an input as to what is going to happen. Mayor Jon Bagley expressed that plans are coming along slowly and things are still getting worked out. The Community Center will make the Village better and it will give the Village more room for scheduled indoor activities because there has been an over burden of people wanting to use the Fire Hall and the Village Hall. The High School Entrepreneur class was recruited to assist with the project. The class instructor is always looking for hand-on projects and it was agreed the Community Center would be a great project for the students. The Entrepreneur class will be developing a survey that will be distributed community wide for comments and input. Mayor Jon Bagley shared he would also like to make sure that the Community Center is not a burden on tax payers. Once a plan of execution for all projects has been figured out, there will be a meeting held for the community to come and share their input and ideas.

RE: Douglas Drive/Trimble Hill Subdivision

Mayor Jon Bagley asked the Board of Trustees at the December meeting if the Village would pay to install a water line and sewer line to the end of Phase One of the Subdivision, which is the end of the dedicated roadway. Phase One was dedicated to the Village by Doug Hey and is now owned by the Village of Rushville. To install a water line and sewer line to the end of Phase One would cost approximately \$3200.

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Trustee John Sawers and Art Rilands discussed if a storm pipe would need to be installed. If a storm pipe is to be installed it would cost an extra \$1,000-\$1,500.

Trustee Chuck Elwell is trying to stay uninvolved in the decision making process because he is one of the new home owners for Trimble Hill Subdivision but mentioned that the property has been sitting there for 20+ years undeveloped and believes that area is the only land in Rushville that can be developed on. The development of that land will also bring in more tax money for the Village. Trustee David Field mentioned that when the paving of the roadway is completed the road would be turned over to the Village and it would cost the Village money to maintain.

Janet Landcastle commented that the property went dead before because Doug Hey could not sell the homes for the cost of building them. Mayor Jon Bagley said the water pressure was bad at that point in time and the water pressure has been fixed. Doug Hey also could not get a clean title on the land.

Trustee David Field asked Trustee John Sawers if the Board Members were still waiting to hear back from Attorney Kenyon regarding the Trimble Hill Heights Subdivision Agreement. Trustee John Sawers said yes, the current document is what we are waiting to hear back from Attorney Kenyon about.

Mayor Jon Bagley said the contractor that he is hiring to do the utility lines told him that all the utility lines should have been brought to the end of Phase One. It is common practice. Art Rilands did not agree. Reggie O'Hearn mentioned that he has developed lots in Gorham and the utility line always had to go to the end of the property line. Jamie Landcastle commented that it sounded like someone didn't do their job 20 years ago when the development first started.

Jonette Keneston would like to discuss the issue some more and feels the Board should vote on it later because there seems to be controversy about the issue. She would like to know why her tax money is going to help develop the Trimble Hill Subdivision. Mayor Jon Bagley explained that the tax payers were not paying for the development of the Trimble Hill Subdivision. The Village owns all of Phase One and the water lines and sewer lines should go to the end of Phase One. Anything past Phase One would be his responsibility and not the tax payers.

A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers to pay for the water line and sewer line to go to the end of Phase One if everything in the agreement is approved by Attorney Kenyon. Trustee Timothy Jabaut seconded the motion. Unanimously carried.

NEW: Board Member E-mails to Distribute Information

Village Clerk Jennifer Gruschow would like to get the e-mail addresses from all the Trustees so she can e-mail them the correspondents she sends out. She would like them to be aware of everything that is going on with the Village. Trustee John Sawers thinks that's a great idea.

NEW: Christmas Light Contest for Next Year

Art Rilands and Jennifer Gruschow would like to hold a Christmas light contest next year in the Village of Rushville and thinks it would be a great way for the community to come together. If anyone would like to participate the Village could do a sign up sheet. We can talk with local business owners and see if they would donate

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prizes for the winners. The Board liked the idea and it would be further discussed in the fall in preparation for the holiday season.

NEW: Public Comment

Janet Landcastle commented that it was nice to hear everyone talking at tonight's meeting and felt it was very productive.

RE: Bills

A motioned by Trustee Chuck Elwell seconded by Trustee John Sawers to authorize payment of the general bills in the amount of \$10,666.21. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee David Field to authorize payment of the water bills in the amount of \$6,904.14. Unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Trustee John Sawers and seconded by Trustee David Field to authorize payment of the sewer bills in amount of \$413.25. Unanimously carried.

RE: Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Timothy Jabaut and seconded by Trustee David Field to adjourn the meeting at 8:00pm. Unanimously carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jenna Bergstresser
Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Jennifer Gruschow
Clerk-Treasurer